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—Franklin.

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Casting About

Watching some chickens pecking aimlessly, at a leaf-strewn yard — they waddled aimlessly — bumping along — raising their feathers in ill-tempered outbursts — ebbing and flowing in a feathery tide along the rim of the barnyard — all the while pecking industriously among the leaves — every now and then one would sidle off by itself — but soon would scurry back into the flock — or the flock would scurry back to him — looking at them you could see that they were thinking only chicken-thoughts — nothing more — all they wanted to do was peck and scratch at the hard surfaced grounds — they didn't seem to be worrying about the day when they will lose their heads on the chopping block — not a worry in the world — every now and then one would jerkily trot off for the nest — the others would peck away — happy hens are they — just stuff the gullet with grubs — but lend your imagination for a moment to a bit of conjecture while we entertain a thought — peats for the rooster — skirts for the hens — human beings perhaps — you say the resemblance is slight — slight — but it is there nevertheless — humans often go along in the same manner — paddle along in the mob — cackle in accord — scratching along the surface — move along in a stiff-

legged way with the flock — a noise outside the fence — a brief flurry of feathers — a couple of scratchy cackles — back goes the head and the beak — pecking away at the non-productive ground — the human brain, we are told by those who know has the latest mental power, unlike the chicken, to realize when they are about to have their heads chopped off — or do they — one can hardly tell. Just imagine if the world were governed by a flock of hens — or chickens — no help from the audience please — I have a chicken in the balcony Doctor — life would be but one long cackle then — a bunch of bobbing heads parading around in silent circles — except when somebody throws a rock at them — then the dust flies — no rocks — no noise. If a dog comes into the barnyard and growls at the hens — they scramble — run for their lives into the hen-coop — they cackle a little as they run — the human race, a little more literate in their cackling, often do the same thing — only they have bigger hen-coops to hide under — so they go — around and around — peck and scratch — unseeing grotesques — dandling a dumb stilted minuet around the executioner's block — and then expire with a cackle and burst of blood — thus ends the brief life of the chicken.

Calendar of Events

- April 23
Public Sale and Card Party at Union Hall.
- April 24
Franklin County Republican Women's dinner at the Mansion House, Greenfield at 1 p. m.
- April 26
Spring meeting of the Franklin County Federation of Church Brotherhoods and Men's Clubs at South Deerfield Congregational Church.
- April 27
Boy Scouts meet.
- April 27
State Primaries.
Mr. and Mrs. John Brown will show movies of New England and a trip to Florida at Union Hall.
- April 28
"Haven H. Spencer" Post meeting.
- April 28
O. E. S. Installation.
Regular meeting of W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. Bert Newton.
- April 29
Fish and Game Association Banquet at Town Hall.
- May 3
Boy Scouts meet.
- May 3
Garden Club meeting.
- May 4
Franklin County annual home-makers day at Camp Hall, Mt. Hermon.
- May 5
Ladies' Benevolent Society annual meeting at the Farms Library.
- May 7
Community Club No. 4 dance.
Annual meeting of the Fort-nightly.
- May 10
P. T. A. Banquet and elections at Town Hall.

Girl Scout News

The Girl Scout Troop Committee and Leaders met at the home of Mrs. Albert Raymonds. Two new members on the committee were present, Mrs. Robert Abbott and Mrs. Robert West.

Plans were made for a "Get Acquainted Party" for the mothers of Girl Scouts, and Brownies, also people who have helped with badge work and who have served on the committee in the past.

Further plans will be announced later.

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Annual Meeting Union No. 22

The annual meeting of Union No. 22, comprising the Towns of Northfield, Berardston, Gilh, Warwick, and Leyden, was held Tuesday evening, April 13th, at the Center School in Northfield, with Joint Committee Chairman Sidney H. Given of Northfield presiding. The election of officers for the year 1948-1949 was as follows: Joint Committee Chairman, Mr. Ralph Holbrook of Warwick; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Carolyn Shores of Berardston.

Superintendent Taylor presented an annual written report containing pertinent union statistics. He reported on the increased use of the audio-visual aids in our schools and how improved school housing in some of the towns is needed to carry on effectively such work.

Concerning problems difficult of solution in a union organization, Superintendent Taylor stressed the need for an organized program of remedial work under the direction of teachers specially trained for this purpose. However, he added, little can be done to solve this problem until adequate facilities have been provided.

It was pointed out that the rapidly increasing cost of school transportation equipment is making it difficult to get private contractors to show an interest in school work, and that the time may not be far distant when local communities will have to stand the original cost of investment in school buses.

In his remarks Superintendent Taylor stressed the importance of the part that school committee members play as effective public relations officers for the school system. An interesting discussion of the work of school committee members and how they could best serve their respective communities followed the presentation of the annual report.

The Union Committee set the salaries for the Superintendent and union secretary for the new fiscal year starting July 1, 1948.

At the close of the meeting an enjoyable social hour followed, and refreshments were served by the Berardston School Committee.

Letters and cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgins on their transcontinental trip to San Francisco. Last Friday they spent with Athan Cassavetes in Gavette, Arkansas. Mr. Cassavetes formerly lived with Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle here in Northfield.

Sunday the couple spent in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Monday in Amarillo, Texas and Tuesday in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

On May 1 the Durgins are due to arrive in Los Angeles where Mr. Durgins has a number of speaking engagements. Prior to the ones he has been fulfilling on this cross-country trip.

Then to San Francisco, where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller. The ship that is to take the Durgins to their post in Tokyo is due to leave some time in May.

Daylight Saving Welcome on Sunday

Daylight saving time will begin on Sunday at 2 A. M. and the will be necessary to turn all clocks ahead one hour. All New England states will enjoy the privilege and throughout the nation it will be more widely observed by the various states this year than last year. Daylight saving is more popular than ever because of the added hour of light for work or for pleasure. Motorists prolong their afternoon drives to enjoy the scenic beauties of the landscape.

Primary on Tuesday Be Sure to Vote

The election of delegates to the national convention takes place on Tuesday, April 27. It is a test of practical patriotism.

In a normal year the general public might not vote heavily in the selection of the men who will choose the candidates for President and Vice-President.

But this year we are voting for more than Republican or Democrat delegates. This election is our chance to show the world how interested Americans are in the functioning of democracy.

A small vote would indicate that despite all our fine talk about democracy, we did not bother to help it work. A small vote would be used as propaganda by Communists abroad and by fellow travelers at home to prove that the American public is not much concerned about the choice of a President.

Hence I urge all citizens of this community, regardless of their party enrollment, to go to the polls on Tuesday and vote for delegates to the Republican and Democratic national conventions and for state and local party committee members.

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Memorial Day Plans Announced by Legion

According to Ed Harney of the "Haven H. Spencer" Post, Benedict F. Fitzgerald of Greenfield, widely known attorney and former Lieutenant-Commander in the United States Navy, will deliver the principal address at the memorial services on Sunday, May 30, at 2 p. m.

The Post has also been fortunate in securing the services of the 40 piece Orange High School Band for the day. The band will march in the parade and will play at the memorial services.

The Memorial Day Committee has also announced that wreaths are being made, and the school children will decorate the graves of the many war dead in the Northfield cemeteries.

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Phelps Students Have Art Work Exhibition

A student exhibition of art work is being held Tuesday evening, April 27, at the Phelps Art Studio, 158 Main street, Greenfield.

The exhibition opens at 7 p. m. There will be an illustrated Art talk from 8 to 9 p. m. on the "Growth of Landscape Painting". Following the talk there will be an opportunity for all visitors to browse among the paintings as long as they wish.

John Edward Phelps, who is conducting the exhibition for his students, has announced that parents and friends are cordially invited to attend the show.

Estate to Children

By the will of the late Mrs. Adelaide Boeve, formerly of Kingston, N. Y., and a summer resident of East Northfield, which has been filed in Probate Court, her estate which includes the summer home of the family in Mountain Park here will be divided among her three children: Lucas Boeve of New Rochelle, N. Y., Mrs. Ruth Boeve Joy of Arlington, Va., and Mrs. Gordon Watts of Ithaca, N. Y. The will was drawn May 1, 1936 and Lucas Boeve and Barnard Joy are executors.

County Homemakers To Meet at Hermon

Homemakers of Franklin County will meet at Camp Hall, Mount Hermon, on Tuesday, May 4, for the Annual Homemakers Day sponsored by the home department of the county extension service.

"Homemakers' Day" will be a part of a nation-wide program in observance of national home demonstration week and national family life week. The emphasis this year will be "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World."

At the morning session a dress revue will be presented by Mrs. Douglas Nye and Mrs. Armand LaBelle, clothing project leaders from Ashfield. All dresses have been made by sewing classes of Franklin County this spring.

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Brotherhood Enjoys Films and Supper

Sixty guests of the Northfield Brotherhood were treated to a series of films at the monthly meeting at the Congregational Church last Tuesday evening.

The night was also an annual "Father and Son" affair, and the films were shown with this in mind. A cartoon depicting the father and son relationship was shown along with several sports films. An ancient Laurel and Hardy film was extracted from the mothballs and shown for the occasion.

Dr. George A. Bronson, and committee, served a most excellent supper, according to Harold Briesmaster, president of the Brotherhood.

West Northfield

The Young People of the Advent Christian church are invited to attend a Youth Rally, Saturday, April 24, at St. James Parish house in Greenfield at 7:45. The rally is sponsored by the Connecticut Valley Bible Conference. The speaker will be Dr. Boone of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Training School of Nyack, N. Y. There will be a choir of young people from different churches.

The men of the State Line Fellowship have been invited to attend the meeting of the Franklin County Federation of Church Brotherhoods and Mens' Clubs at the Congregational Church in South Deerfield. Tickets for the supper may be obtained in advance from Gordon Buffum. Supper will be served at 5:30 and 6:30. A program will follow.

There will be evangelistic services at the Advent Christian Church from May 10 to 16. The speaker will be Rev. Chester Pannley of Portsmouth, N. H. Rev. Pannley is a well known evangelist throughout the denomination.

Rev. E. W. Blackstone was one of the speakers at the Massachusetts Advent Christian Conference in Somerville last Monday. He went as a fraternal delegate from the Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Advent Christian Conference, of which the local church is a member.

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A few years ago Northfield had the privilege and enlightening pleasure of entertaining a number of well-known speakers at a series of public forums, with many of the pressing issues of the day expertly explained and then discussed by the audience.

It seems that the time for another series of similar forums is here and that the opportunity for civic-minded organizations to grasp the lead in bringing information and intellectual light to the citizens of Northfield is apparent and almost a necessity.

There can be no question of the availability of many capable speakers or groups of speakers, the only question is the necessary action and desire on the part of the organizations and their members to make the initial efforts to procure their services.

It should not be necessary for us to be faced with catastrophic events before we take action, we must take action before the events are upon us and take advantage of the opportunities, and the time allowed us to discuss in calm and judicious manner our future course.

We have expressed time and time again that this paper is available to the readers through the "Squeeze Box" for the expression of opinion but that is hardly enough to completely and lucidly evaluate the many topics in which a disparity of opinion might occur.

A Town Forum is needed now!

According to a recent survey made by the Institute of Student Opinion, high school students by and large favor Universal Military Training. The question was put to some 84,000 high school students, male and female, from 45 states. Although this is only a fraction of the young people enrolled, the institute officials claim that the results offer genuine sampling.

The survey showed that 65% of the boys and 62% of the girls voted in favor of U. M. T. This total of 63% in favor, offers some contrast to previous polls; 46% in 1944 and 39% in 1943.

Along with the ballot students gave reasons for adopting U. M. T. In general, the boys saw need for preparedness, and the girls felt that some discipline would be of advantage in that age group.

Those opposing it said in one instance, it is unfair to the boys, because at that age their college or professional training would be interrupted, and in another case it was impractical and against every tradition of our free society.

The survey has shown that students of high school age are becoming more and more aware of the problems that they will face once they leave high school.

It seems only right that greater interest is shown by this age group for after all it affects their future more vitally than those in the higher age groups.

Red Cross Group For Disaster Aid

The Disaster Aid Committee of the Franklin County chapter of the American Red Cross to act for Northfield and the immediate area has been appointed. The members are William F. Hoehn; George W. Carr; A. Gordon Moody; George McEwan and Ernest A. Parker.

This committee will operate when necessary with full authority under direction of John E. Gordon of Greenfield who is chairman of the Chapter organization for disaster, preparedness and relief. The various district committees will be called together not month for a session when the character of the work, plans and methods will be explained by an official of the American Red Cross from Washington. In the local district, the allocation of work by the committee will be as follows: Hoehn, executive; Carr, shelter; Moody, transportation; McEwan, food and Parker, health.

The Friendly Class Elects New Officers

The Friendly Class of the Trinitarian Congregational Church met at the home of Mrs. Fred Bolton, last Monday evening, and elected the following officers: Mrs. Harold McLean, president; Mrs. Bernard Whitney vice-president; Mrs. Hubert Newman, secretary; Mrs. George Gordon, treasurer; Mrs. Edgar Livingston, auditor; Mrs. Francis Reed, chairman of the program committee; Mrs. Lee Bolton, chairman of the work committee.

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves spoke and showed slides of his trip to Nova Scotia last summer.

Miss Esther Pushee of the Dea. Scott school in Little, Ky., will speak here, May 27, under the auspices of the class.

The class will also sponsor a recreational project for young people.

Mrs. Fred Bolton and Mrs. Owen Hickey served refreshments.

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The following is a list of the books which have been added to the Dickinson Library since March first. Some of these have already been reviewed for this column by Mrs. Stanley Bell, assistant librarian.

Action: Ideas of March by Thornton Wilder; Beauty Married by Dorsett; That Girl, Jennifer, by Rona Randall; Red Plush, by McCrone; Eagle in the Sky, by Van Wyck Mason; Big Sky, by Guthrie; Buckskin Marshal, by Brimley; Kerry, and Christmas Bride, by Hill; Swift Water, by Loring; Hanging Judge, by Hamilton; Private Enterprise, by Angela Thirkell; Each Shining Hour, by Lida

Lairmore; Outrun the Constable, by Jopson; House of Broken Arrow, by Evan Evans; Light in the Window, by Rinehart; Dr. Morry's Husband, by Peggy Gaddis.

Non-fiction: Adventures in solitude, by Grayson; (a gift); Maine Ways, by Elizabeth Costworth; Metropolitan Life, by James (a gift of the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.); Lost Boundaries, by White; Boy from Nebraska, by Martin; East of the Andes and west of Nowhere, by Bates; War, as I Knew It, by Gen. George Patton; The first captain by Johnson; Book of furniture and decoration, by Aronson. F. H. P.

COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield
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With the military leaders quartered at Harvard John Russell, the hidden Regicides were no longer safe there; thus Lt. Smith risked them in his home. Whalley and Goffe had been valiant soldiers under Cromwell and as members of the Puritan Parliament had voted to have King Charles I killed when the lives of these Regicides was sought.

Near the time of the attacks on Deerfield and Northfield, tradition, which may or may not be correct, says a day of fasting and prayer was declared. The course of events was believed to be God's punishment for their sins. What did they believe their sins to be? None other than lack of humility in over extravagant dress and bearing, too much love for gaudy and wearing of, or too elegant apparel. At court in Northampton many a young man and woman had been on trial for such.

The following story of the so-called Angel of Hadley, over which authorities are divided as to its veracity, was carried on a correspondence with their family in England, the wife also assuming a name and different relationship. Contributions were made for their support. The men were of such high rank both socially and religiously that great respect was paid them.

visited Hadley while the Regicides were there. The older of the two men was father-in-law of the younger, who by now was not so young. The older is supposed to have been buried in Russell's cellar, and by this date probably had died.

At the appointed day of fasting, while the soldiers and able-bodied men were out scouting, Hadley was gathered in church, when all of a sudden, a stranger of dress of an earlier style appeared at the door, announcing that the Indians were pillaging the outskirts. In these dire circumstances of distress this dignified person of military ability guided them to repel the enemy, when they tended to panic. He then disappeared. Few knew of the Regicide, so that when it was rumored, that he was the Angel of Hadley, they believed it, quoting from the Scripture to prove it's possibility.

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THIS WAYWARD COIL

(The following excerpts are from the works of Eugene Field, American Humorist)

THE BABY

Here we have a baby. It is composed of a Bald Head and a Pair of Lungs. One of the Lungs takes a Rest while the other one runs the Shop. One of them is always on Deck all the Time. The Baby is a Bigger man than his Mother. He likes to Walk around with Father at Night. The Father does most of the Walking and All of the swearing. Little Girls, you will Never Know what it is to be a Father.

THE DIAMOND PIN

Here is a Diamond Pin. The Editor won it at a Church Fair. There were Ten Chances at Ten Cents a Chance. The Editor mortgaged his Paper and Took one Chance. The Pin is worth seven hundred Dollars. Editors like Diamonds. Sometimes they Wear them in their Shirts, but Generally in their Mind.

THE POET

Who is this Creature with Long Hair and a Wild Eye? He is a poet. He writes Poems on Spring and Women's Eyes, and Strange, unreal things of that Kind. He is always Whining he was Dead, but he wouldn't Let anybody Kill him if he could Get away. He would

Look well Standing under a Descending Pile-driver.

THE BEAUTIFUL PIANO

What a Beautiful Piano! You Can see your Face on the Cover. If you Had a Pin you Could Scratch Nice Pictures all Over the Piano. Will you Play on the Piano? Your fingers are not Long Enough, are they? But you can Pound on the Pretty Keys with your Little Fists. Maybe if you Pound Hard enough Mamma will Come to See who is Making such Lovely Music.

THE DELIGHTFUL MUD HOLE

What a Delightful Mud Hole! It is quite Deep and Inviting. How cool and Pleasant it must be in the Mud Hole. Good little Boys and Girls can Play in the Mud Hole and Make Lots of Nice Pretty Cakes. Tell the Baby to Come, too, and then you can Put Mud in his Ears and will Splash the pretty Black Water all over Susie's new Frock.

THE BABY'S NOSE

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TOWN TOPICS

Ernest A. Parker of the Farms and chairman of our Selection has purchased the express and trucking business of Roger Nims of Greenfield. This added to his already extensive trucking business will give him an undertaking of large proportions.

Linden avenue in Mountain Park is being considerably improved under the direction of Robert Schep. Several properties are on this road and the work of improving includes the removal of several tons of solid rock.

The first summer sojourners to reopen their cottages in the Highlands are, Miss Elsie Scott and Miss Mabel Darrach. No cottages in Mountain Park or on Rustic Ridge have been used for occupancy yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barrows, accompanied by son Ralph, visited friends and relatives at Lebanon, N. H. during last week end.

"The Latch String" has been doing a handstand business with Mrs. Leach's Chicken Pot Pie. George N. Kidder is getting ready to have his garden plots plowed

for his yearly gardening chores. Larry Quinlan has nothing new to report on his mare and it's expected help.

L. Percy Goodspeed has been out fishing many of the streams in a wide area, luck hasn't been good so far, but the season isn't over yet.

Rev. Mary A. Connor is having her house painted, inside and out. Harold Briesmaster was seen in Greenfield last week.

The "Sunset Farms Antique Shop" is having a "close out sale" for second hand furniture only, and not for the entire shop.

Joe Smolen, who sold his business "Northfield Cleaners" to Kenneth H. Somes of Greenfield, will be leaving for Missouri in the near future to attend a school for aircraft maintenance and operation.

John Hurley is working for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Northampton.

Mott and Jessie Gahse are sanding their floors.

Aina and Barney Hantunen are now living on Kidder Court in Northfield.

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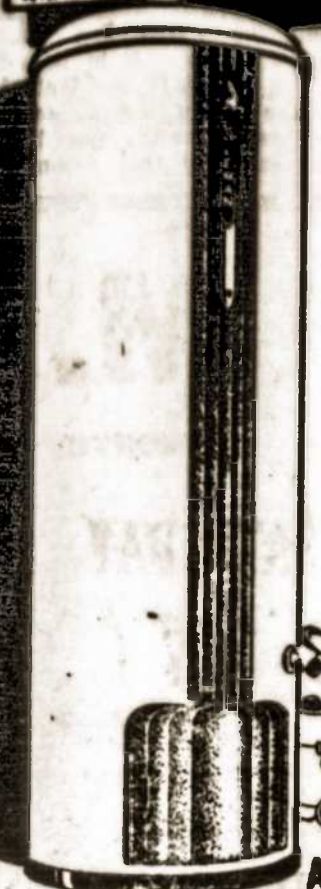
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Sunday, April 26, 9:30 a. m., Junior Choir rehearsal; 10:30 a. m., special meeting of the Standing Committee.
10:30 a. m., Church School and Young People's Forum.
11:00 a. m., Public Worship. Sermon subject, "The Call and the Criticism of Christ." Nursery for pre-school age children.
8:45 p. m., Spring Meeting of the Franklin Association of Congregational Churches in the Ashfield church.
8:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship. William Tuttle will lead the devotional services. Plays will be discussed.

Monday, April 27, 8:30 p. m., Supper and Meeting of Franklin County Brotherhoods at the South Deerfield church. Dr. J. Edgar Park, speaker. Call Har- old Brienmaster for tickets.
8:00 p. m., Officers and Teachers of the Church School will meet at the home of the superintendent, Mrs. James Gillette.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler, Minister
Sunday, April 25, 10:00 a. m., Sunday School. Mrs. Carroll Miller, superintendent. Classes for all ages.
11:00 a. m., Church service and Sermon.
7:30 p. m., American Unitarian Youth meeting.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor
Sunday, April 25, 10:30 a. m., Sermon, "Christian Fellowship."
11:30 a. m., Sunday School.
6:00 p. m., Youth meeting. Janet Jones leader.
Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p. m., Prayer services.

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From Bleeding Equipment
It is always a good idea to start house cleaning with the heating equipment, according to Tessa A. and M. specialists. Check all fireplaces, flues and chimneys to be sure they are sound and in good repair. Most fires usually are caused by sparks leading out through cracks in the chimney. Mortar can dry out and crumble so that in time bricks may loosen. Make sure stoves and other heating equipment are in good condition to operate safely. Smoke pipes should be checked for rust holes and worn spots. All joints should fit snugly. Many disastrous winter fires would be avoided if homeowners checked, cleaned and repaired heating equipment and if chimneys, flues and roofs were cleaned and freed from fire hazards.

Rubber in Latin America
Cooperative natural rubber program which was established in South America during the war has emerged from the nursery state in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, and Peru, rubber investigators of the U. S. department of agriculture have reported. About 50,000 acres of field plantings now are established in government demonstration areas, on coffee, banana and other plantations, and on nearly a thousand small farms. The United States maintains scientists and technicians in various centers to conduct research and train local workers. The return of rubber as an economic crop in Latin America became possible by the introduction of clones from high-yielding Hevea trees from the Far East and by development of leaf-blight control methods.

Special Rail Freight
There are many kinds of freight and express cars designed to handle particular commodities. Among them are special refrigerator cars for transportation of dry ice, depressed-center freight cars and well hole flat cars for transporting transformers and other large machines and units of equipment; special gondola cars designed for carrying air-activated cement containers. There are drop-end gondolas, bottom-dump gondolas, twin hopper cars, quadruple hopper cars and side-discharge hopper cars, for carrying coal, coke, ores and other heavy bulk commodities; covered hopper cars for handling cement, carbon black, phosphate and ore concentrates; cars for carrying iron ore and other ores and many others for liquid gas, chemicals, helium and other products.

"Methuselah of Europe"
The site of the modern city of Cadiz, Spain, was an island when Phoenician merchants sailed their high-powered craft from Tyre about 1100 B. C. to establish this "Methuselah of Europe." A causeway later was filled in to create a peninsula. The period in which Cadiz served as a link with the Spanish colonies in the Americas formed only one episode in its long and dramatic history. Hannibal outfitted a fleet there. The Romans granted citizenship to the residents. Vandals, Visigoths and Moslems each ruled the city for a time. In a daring raid in 1587, Sir Francis Drake "singd the King of Spain's beard" by burning all the ships in the harbor.

Keep Them Down on the Farm
The Swedish government believes it has the solution to the problem of how to keep the girls down on the farm. The secret is to give them laundries and other facilities for home-making, according to the Swedish home economic advisor. So many Swedish girls have become discouraged with the arduous life of the farm that an alarming exodus from the farms to the cities has developed. The migration has left many young, unmarried farmers without a source of prospective wives. The situation has resulted not only in an increase in the number of frustrated farmers, but also in a decrease in the rural population. To overcome this condition, the Swedish government will help finance the establishment of commercial and co-operative laundries and the opening of new bakeries and canneries as well as encourage the use of labor saving devices in the farm homes.

Everglades' Rabbits
One of the most interesting mammals in the Florida Everglades is the swamp rabbit. In size and appearance much like the northern cottontail. Because of the peculiar environment, its habits are somewhat different. During the summer the swamps are covered with shallow water seldom more than two or three inches deep, too shallow to drown the smaller animals but enough to keep their feet always wet. The rabbits feed on the higher ground, but if molested they race for the swamps. When frightened, they make no attempt to avoid water, but dive into the ponds and swim across them or lie quietly among the plants in the margins.

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SPORTS NEWS

Northfield A. A.
Nearly 30 candidates have turned out for workouts under the guidance of Manager George Casey as the Northfield A. A. prepares for the opening game on May 15. Although some of the players of last year's team have departed, it is expected that no harm will be done because capable replacements are on hand. It looks as if the pitching staff will be about the same as last year and the club is looking forward to an even better season than the one they had last year. A complete schedule will be released shortly, along with a roster of the team.

Legion Post Baseball
On April 15 "Haven H. Spencer Post" Commander Richard W. Stoenbruggen, accompanied by Tom and Ed Hurley met with Ben Spencer, local Ford Dealer, and Mr. Ferguson, Ford Motor Company representative to discuss plans for the reorganization of the American Legion Post baseball team in Northfield. In 1947 there were 11,701 American Legion Post-sponsored teams officially reported to National Headquarters. In addition, there were thousands of other Junior teams in competition on the sandlots of the country under American Legion supervision. The Ford Motor Company added invaluable support to the program. Through their dealers, many teams were placed on the field. In addition, the Ford Motor Company sponsored the participation of Babe Ruth as a consultant in its part in the program. During the 1947 season the Amer-

ican Legion boasted of 115 former American League Junior Baseball players, while the National League claimed 91 former Legion Ball players. There were 2,847 players on the active list of the Minor League that had been American Legion Junior Baseball players.

"West Side Blue Jays"
Coach Chick Caron has announced that the name for the newly formed ball club in West Northfield will be "West Side Blue Jays". Measurements for new uniforms will be taken shortly and the ball field for the team, on Mt. Herman road, is rapidly rounding into shape. No cuts have been in the squad yet, but as soon as the season gets under way Coach Caron plans to carry about 15 players. A practice game with the Northfield A. A. is scheduled this Sunday. All teams desiring games with the "Jay" can contact Caron at 62.

Property Transferred
The large business building known as the Webster Block at the corner of Main street and Parker avenue has been transferred this week by Mrs. Josephine Webster to Mr. and Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed. The building houses the Northfield Pharmacy, the "Little Outlets," the Northfield Cleaners and storage rooms, as well as two apartments on the second floor. Mr. Goodspeed has not revealed his plans for future development.

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New Citizens

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A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford J. Mann of Greenfield, at the Franklin County Hospital on Friday April 16; a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann, Sr., of Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dion of Greenfield.

BLACK

In Brattleboro Memorial hospital, April 12, a daughter, Beverly Ruth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Black of East Northfield; granddaughter to Mrs. John Black, Northfield; granddaughter to Mrs. Ernest Lane of Brattleboro.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker, with family, visited friends in Northfield over the week end and then returned to Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Little have moved to Sweden.

Mrs. U. M. Webster and Miss Harriet Webster are in Upton Falls, N. Y., visiting at Miss Webster's home.

Mrs. Mary Holton was visited by her two sons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Holton of Worcester and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holton of West Hartford, Conn.

Ray, Judson Street of Mount Hermon School has been occupying the pulpit of the Methodist Memorial Chapel at Warwick, Sunday mornings, for the past few weeks.

Gordon R. Pyper of Boston University has been named to the Dean's list. It was announced last week. He graduated from Mt. Hermon and is a member of the class of 1942 at Brown where he is studying for engineering and a Bachelor of Science degree. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Pyper of Mount Hermon School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parker and daughter spent last week end at Kennebunk, Maine, accompanied by her two sisters, the Misses Towne.

Mrs. Charles L. Gilbert has reopened her home after spending the winter months at the Evans family home in East Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Buffum enjoyed a trip to Ithaca, N. Y. last week where they visited her parents.

Mrs. Josephine S. Haskell, our town clerk, who has been quite ill for the past few weeks is on the road to complete recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin Daly of Highland Avenue are enjoying a visit in New York and will also go on to Florida for a short stay.

Robert W. Glines and George J. Butynski, both of this town have enrolled as students taking training at the Turner Falls airport. The airport is now owned and operated by the Franklin Airways, Inc.

The second bulletin of the Rustic Ridge Association, which comprises our summer sojourners, contains a list of all available homes for rent or for sale and will be ready for distribution to all enquirers about May first. It is being prepared by the clerk of the corporation. The assistant clerk is also preparing the new directory list of owners which will be ready for mailing to all members within a few weeks.

Essay Contest

The following essay was awarded third prize in the contest sponsored by the W. O. F. U. and the English Department of Northfield High School.

Responsibility of Citizens Towards the Liquor Evil

What You Can Do About Alcohol by Edgar Parker

A seven-year-old boy arrived home from school with his shoes and the lower extremities shaking. When his mother asked him why he was so wet, he said, "Well, the boy ahead of me walked through the mud puddle and so what could I do?"

This sounds foolish, yet his parents may have done more foolish things by drinking liquor because other people were drinking it; by serving liquor because other people served it to their guests. The boy could be given the backside of the hand for the place where he had been, but his parents could not.

Social drinking may lead to drunkenness, complete downfall, and the complete breaking up of the home. I think most non-drinkers or those not yet exposed to liquor, know the evils of liquor; but when the drinks are offered — they think only of "keeping up with the Joneses." All the things they have told their children, or have heard themselves, vanish from their minds. Yet, how can people who do not have the power of mind to suppress the liquor disease themselves teach their children to do so? They can not. They may even encourage it.

Some people think that liquor is used as a sedative to take man "away from it all" for a time. Lenin, the founder of a God-less nation, claimed the Christian religion as a sedative and said that it hindered man's progress. Christian religion, if it were a sedative, (though it certainly is not), is the one thing nowadays which can cause the advancement of the human race. Liquor could bring about its downfall.

Since the repeal of the Prohibition Act, many high-minded organizations have tried to reduce liquor consumption. They have accomplished many good things, but in some respects they fight a losing battle. A few weeks ago a bill was brought before Congress banning liquor advertisement. Only the country as a whole with the help of God is equipped to fight a Congress which caters to the whims of liquor refiners which make enough profit by ruining man's life to have full-page advertisements in nearly all the papers and magazines, and from advertising agencies which ruin our beautiful Massachusetts countryside with huge billboards advertising all kinds of alcoholic beverages.

It is all up to the individual as to whether or not he wants to chance ruining his life. And it doesn't always happen to the other fellow. If you are ever asked to take any alcoholic beverage, THINK, and then you will say, "It's too dangerous and I don't believe in it."

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The Northfield Schools

An exhibit of the work of Mr. Edgar Parker, a student of the Northfield High School, is now being shown in the wide range of techniques employed in the great variety of subjects, and the striking beauty of the pictures, apparent even to the uninitiated, give a clue to the content, and the artist by art and the press of the time of his death.

Among the techniques used in the exhibit are drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, pen and ink, and woodcut. Many of the pictures were made in New York City and some in East Northfield but there is a liberal representation of work from his European days.

Born in Göttingen, Germany, Mr. Parker came to this country after Hitler came to power in Germany. He taught at the Academy of Fine Arts in Karlsruhe and he was called upon to execute many commissions for the government, including murals in the exhibition hall and museum in Karlsruhe. He exhibited in Munich, Berlin, Hamburg, Zurich, Rome and Paris. And his paintings are owned by museums in several European cities.

Before coming to Northfield in 1934, he resided in Communion, Mass., and taught at Smith College. The exhibit will continue through May 1.

At the Sunday morning worship service, April 26, in Russell Sage Chapel, at 11 o'clock, Dr. J. Edgar Park, president emeritus of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., will be guest preacher and at Memorial Chapel at 10:30 o'clock, Mr. David L. Crawford of Mt. Hermon School will be guest speaker.

Sunday, April 26, Dr. William B. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest preacher at the morning worship service at Wesleyan College. In the evening Dr. Park will speak at the Second Church of Newton in West Newton, Mass. The same day Dr. Howard L. Rabendall, headmaster of Mt. Hermon School, will be guest speaker at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., for the morning service and will conduct the evening service at Abbot Academy also in Andover.



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Internal Parasites Cut Yield of Wool

Year-Round Control Program Advocated

Most of the emphasis on parasite control in sheep has been tied up with faster gains, better lamb carcasses and prevention of damage to the intestinal walls of the animal. Attention of sheepmen now is being directed to the effect of internal



Parasites must be kept free.

parasites on the yield of wool. Michigan State college is urging flock owners in that state to treat animals with phenothiazine to keep them in good condition and to get a heavier growth of wool. Phenothiazine is administered as a drench or in pellets, or mixed with salt and kept before the flock all the time. A dependable year-round program calls for individual treatment of all animals in fall and spring, and use of the phenothiazine-salt mixture throughout the pasture season. This is the program being followed by progressive sheepmen to keep parasites in check.

Soil Needs Nitrogen

How lime, clover and crop residues increase the soil's nitrogen and organic matter supply and thus boost crop yields, is shown by the chart below. This drawing summarizes results of tests at the Dixon soil experiment field by University of Illinois agronomists. All three plots in the tests were limed and the crop rotation on each included corn, oats and wheat. One plot had no clover. The small grain straw was removed and the cornstalks were burned. This plot produced a four-year average of 57 bushels per acre. The second plot had the same

LIME-NO CLOVER	CORNSTALKS BURNED.
CORN - 57 BU.	
LIME-SWEET CLOVER	CORNSTALKS BURNED.
CORN - 81 BU.	
LIME-SWEET CLOVER	CORNSTALKS, OATS AND WHEAT STRAW PLOWED UNDER.
CORN - 88 BU.	

treatment, except that sweet clover was seeded in the wheat and plowed under as a green manure crop for corn. The increased nitrogen and organic matter from the clover, boosted the corn yield 24 bushels. On the third plot, sweet clover was grown and in addition the cornstalks, oats straw and wheat straw were returned to the soil. The extra organic matter, nitrogen and other plant foods thus saved and returned in the crop residues gave the soil "what it takes" to yield 88 bushels of corn per acre.

High Milk Producers Required for Profit

The size of the milk udder is a true measure of the size of the milk veins. This diagram of the udder structure by Clemson Agricultural college shows the udder structure in detail. If the end of the vein is forked, two or three milk walls



often may be found on either side. A good mammary system is indicated by a large udder, which gets its capacity in length and width rather than excessive depth, extending well up behind and forward.

New Seed Disinfectant Suggested for Cotton

Ceresan M seed disinfectant is being recommended for use against numerous seed-borne and soil-borne crop diseases, including seed-borne anthracnose, angular leafspot, seed decay and seedling damping-off of cotton. The active ingredient of this new material is ethyl mercury p-toluenesulfonamide, which has been successfully tested by colleges over a period of years under the supervision of No. 1452-F.

To Rebuild Hospital

Again, a spirit of thrift is being rebuilt as a model community to hold half of the 100 people. Present plans had a general plan to build in Spanish style, a cable car, an electric power plant and homes of rural timbers and wood. There were bands, movies, restaurants, drugstores, a dime store — in fact, everything to be found in a United States town of similar size. Ever since then was ruled by Spain in the United States in 1938, the naval station commandant has been the island's governor. The naval government, interrupted in December, 1941, was formally restored in 1942.

Famous Indian Wheel

The famous and mysterious Indian Medicine Wheel known as "Sun Ti Pi" now may be seen from the new highway between Lowell and Sheridan, Wyo. It is located upon the highest portion of Medicine Mountain. From its elevation of over 12,000 feet, it may be seen for nearly 50 miles. It was mentioned by the first westward Mormon caravan, and the Lewis and Clark expedition reported it as an oddity of nature. It is a giant stone wheel with 28 distinct spokes, evenly spaced, and measures 75 feet in diameter. Its origin is unknown, but it is thought to have been laid down by the aborigines and used in some form of worship.

A. Y. H. News

The Y. M. C. A. of Northfield, Mass., is planning a Y. M. C. A. week end at the Northfield Hotel, June 1-3. The week end will feature a play, a dance, and a variety of other entertainment. The Y. M. C. A. of Northfield, Mass., is planning a Y. M. C. A. week end at the Northfield Hotel, June 1-3. The week end will feature a play, a dance, and a variety of other entertainment. The Y. M. C. A. of Northfield, Mass., is planning a Y. M. C. A. week end at the Northfield Hotel, June 1-3. The week end will feature a play, a dance, and a variety of other entertainment.

New housewares are needed, and the plan under construction is to make the Northfield Hotel an international hotel in scope, by having housewares from other countries to spend a year in America. At the Northfield Hotel, contact has already been made with the housewares of England, St. John, California, and he has shown 750 of the outstanding housewares from the English house, Elizabeth Salisbury. Mrs. Salisbury has not only been in charge of a hotel, but has also worked in the National Office in London, so she will bring a rich background of experience and knowledge with her. It is hoped that she will arrive in the United States by the end of May so as to be on hand ready for the busy hotel season expected this summer.

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